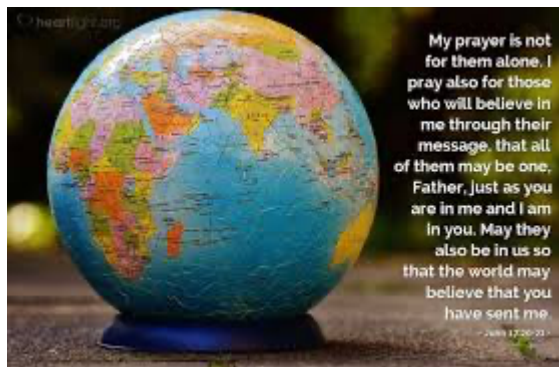


**THE PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF  
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**SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER**



**"May they all be one." Jn.14.**

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**SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER**

**Sat.May 31 Mass of the 7<sup>th</sup>.Sun. K'ton. 6.00  
(int: Pope Leo XIV)**

**Sun.Jun 01 7<sup>th</sup>.SUNDAY of EASTER,  
Mass- Weobley.10.30Z**

**Mon 02 Mass, Weob. 10.00. feria Nov.9.40Z**

**Tue. Nov. 9.40Z**

**Wed 04 Mass, Kington feria Nov.9.40Z  
Station Mass, Leom. 7.00. Archbp.**

**Thur. 05 No Mass Nov. 9.40Z  
Bp.Mark Jabale Requiem,**

**Belm.12.00**

**Fri 06 Mass, Weob. 4.00 feria Novena 9.40Z**

**Sat. 07 Mass of Sun. 6.00pm. K'ton Nov.9.40**

**Sun. 08 PENTECOST SUNDAY  
Mass, Weobley 10.30.**

**URGENT PRAYERS.**

**For permanent peace between India and Pakistan.**

**For the immediate release of remaining Israeli hostages. That the political leaders of Israel and members of Hamas will begin to obey God's fifth commandment: "Thou shalt not kill". For the survival of Gaza and the native Palestinians and that these peoples may have food, freedom and the right to decide their own future,**

**That our young people will be drawn away from the cult of knife-crime.**

**For Prince William and Princess Kate in their initiatives for the homeless and the deprived of our country.**

**PARISH INTENTIONS**

**For those in our parish or known to us who are sick or in need of special prayers: John & Vicky Tanner, Graham Vaughan, Melita Denaro, Vivian Brooke, Sheila Mundy, Claire Burrows, Sarah Murkin, Roger Nichols, Bill Davies, Gaytree Wrigley, Kath Morgan,**

**For parishioners, relatives and friends recently dead: Pope Francis, Bishop Mark Jabale, Justin Neill, Brian Holley..**

**We remember those of our parish whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ann Bickers (T.2016), Rosa Nazzari (Th.2004), Dorothy Kirk (Sa.'90).**

**For King Charles III and Queen Camilla. May they always set the highest standards of leadership for our country. We also pray for our government, especially our Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer and his cabinet. May they govern with integrity following the religious beliefs of our country. And we pray for the leaders of all the other countries of the world, esp.President Zelenski of Ukraine and for conversion of the Russian and USA leadership.**

**PENTECOST NOVENA – NINE DAYS OF SPECIAL PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT, FROM ASCENSION THURSDAY MAY 29<sup>TH</sup> – FRIDAY JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>. MORNINGS @ 09:30 am via Zoom ID 768 558 1521. Passcode: 1rZ7LU**

**COMMEMORATION OF THE ECUMENICAL COUNCIL OF NICEA IN 325 WHEN THE CHURCH'S DOCTRINE ON THE TRINITY WAS ESTABLISHED.**

**Ecumenical celebration in Hereford Cathedral. Archbishop Mark of Cardiff-Menevia will preach and Bishop John of Hereford will lead the prayers. Thursday June 12<sup>th</sup>, 5.30pm.**

**"How do they know it is true?"**

**Talk by Dr. Kieran Moriarty on the miracle healing of John Traynor, a Liverpool docker, at Lourdes. Thurs. June 5<sup>th</sup>. 7.00pm SFX,**

## SERMONETTE – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER.

### FIRST READING from the Acts of the Apostles (Ch.7, vv.55-60)

As the young church grew in numbers there arose a need for ministers other than the apostles to share the load. At first seven 'diakonoi' (deacons or assistants) were chosen among whom was Stephen. His zeal was such that it incited jealousy among a certain Jewish party, 'the Hellenists'. So jealous were they that they trumped up charges against him to have him stoned to death. Today we see the conclusion of the story when Stephen is on trial before the Sanhedrin where, in his holiness, he begins to see signs of the glory of God in heaven. So great was the fury of his opponents that he is condemned to death. Filled with the Spirit, Stephen calls out the same words as Jesus: "Lord, hold not this charge against them" and then "Lord, receive my spirit". Luke, the author, adds significantly that the people laid down their garments in assent at the feet of a young man named Saul". This was the Pharisee and persecutor who came to be converted to Jesus.

### SECOND READING from the Book of Revelation (Apocalypse) (Ch.22, vv.12-20)

Today we conclude our reading of the Book of Revelation with the voice of God and the Lamb promising to come soon. He is "the first and the last" – He has seen it all. In this light He will bring judgment upon the good and the bad. Especially He will bring vindication for those who have worshipped at the throne of the Lamb. Echoing the words of the Song of Songs He will attach those who have followed Him like a Bride, and to all He will give the Bread and water of life. In the light of all this we cry out, "Come, Lord Jesus"..

### THE HOLY GOSPEL according to John (Ch.17, vv.20-26)

Although this passage is not the actual end of John's gospel, it is the end of Jesus' parting words to His apostles at the Last supper. Having addressed the apostles, He turns to His Father in prayer, prayer for those whom He will be leaving behind, and all those into the future who will believe in Him. His prayer is that His followers will be completely one with Him and the Father through the Holy Spirit. In this way, "the 'world' will come to believe that You have sent Me". Moreover, the glory which His Father has bestowed on Him by His obedience will also be shared by all of us His followers into the future. In this way, "all will be one". For all will share in Our Love. Into the future I will continue to make Your love known so that Our love may be completed in them. That is, in US.

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**STOP PRESS: Coming up.**

**DAILY PRAYER HAS NOW STARTED. PLEASE COME AND JOIN US IN PERSON OR ON 'ZOOM'.**

**During this coming week leading up to Pentecost we will be praying the Pentecost Novena (9 days).**

Many of you now have ipads. These afford us a great new opportunity in a rural parish to carry out the wishes of Vatican II, that the faithful should join together for daily prayer of the Church. For those wishing to join, please download a programme called 'UNIVERSALIS'. There you will find the complete prayer of every day and the Mass texts for that day. So far, it has gone reasonably well, though 2 different versions of 'Universalis' seem to be in operation. Check the Newsletter for days, times and changes. **ZOOM ID: 768 558 1521.**

**Passcode: 1r27LU**

**STRAWBERRY TEA. Sunday June 22<sup>nd</sup>. 2.30-5.00. Please start collecting bottles for the bottle-stall and raffle prizes. This is a fund-raising event for the parish. Tickets will be on sale at our churches during June.**

**GATES: UNFORTUNATELY I HAVE DECIDED TO CLOSE THE CAR-PARK GATES AT NIGHT, ESPECIALLY ON WEEKENDS. THIS IS BECAUSE CERTAIN PERSONS OF A PERAMBULANT DISPOSITION ARE TAKING IT UPON THEMSELVES TO CAMP DOWN ON APPARENTLY VACANT PROPERTIES. SORRY FOR THE INCONVENIENCE: I HOPE IT WON'T LAST LONG. Fr. Simon**

**RED BOXES TO ANDY BY THE END OF JUNE, PLEASE.**

**THE TURIN SHROUD. Award-winning exhibition and talk on the "Turin Shroud". Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup>. by Pam Moon, an international expert, at S.F.X. Church, Hereford, with exhibition from Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup> – Sunday June 29<sup>th</sup>. Free admission daily from 11.00-3.00.**

**STOP STOP PRESS: 15 PEOPLE OF OUR CONGREGATION ATTENDED MASS IN OUR 2 CHURCHES ON THE FEAST OF THE LORD'S ASCENSION..... Kington 10, Weobley 5. ?????**